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## FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER BRENT BAILEY CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE



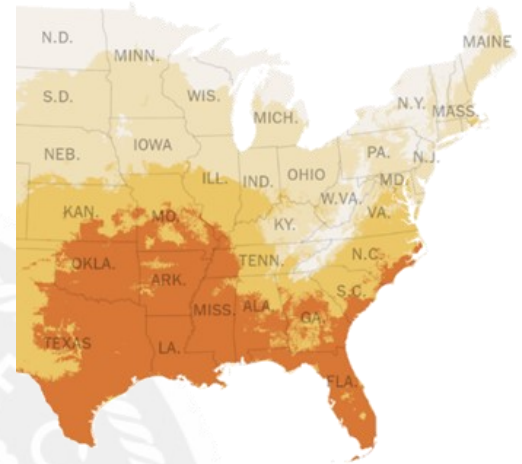
*The Central District is pleased to bring you the latest information concerning utility rates, project developments, Public Service Commission actions and other news you can use. I hope you will find this information to be a useful resource to learn about the Public Service Commission, consumer issues and the continuous work we are doing for the citizens in the Central District and across the state of Mississippi. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you in this capacity.*

*Brent Bailey*

## SERC Helps to Keep the Lights On - and AC's Running

**R**oughly a quarter of the U.S. population has been or continues to be under an extreme heat warning this week. I spent the first part of the week in Austin, Texas, for the Summer Policy Summit of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). I am generally accustomed to Mississippi hot. I was flabbergasted at Texas hot. I don't care if it is a "dry" heat. It was just plain hot!

As dangerous temperatures persist across the Southern states as indicated by the dark orange in the map, it is crucial that utilities' generation, transmission and distribution systems operate with the utmost reliability and security. To ensure a reliable and secure energy system, the Southeast Energy Reliability Corporation (SERC) monitors and ensures utilities and transmission operators comply with national reliability standards. SERC has several tools at its disposal to ensure the reliability, resilience, integrity and security of the bulk power system.



SERC conducts compliance audits to identify potential vulnerabilities and areas of improvement. Audits evaluate cybersecurity readiness and recommend measures to improve and implement robust cybersecurity strategies to fortify cyber defenses. Audits also review operational processes and procedures to identify any inefficiencies and foster improvements and optimization of power infrastructure performance. Audits also help identify potential risks and vulnerabilities associated with the physical infrastructure of generation, transmission and distribution assets.



SERC also develops an annual Regional Risk Report to support the development of risk-based solutions to reliability and security concerns of the electric grid. The [2022-2023 Regional Risk Report](#) identified its top ten regional risks within four categories: Security, Extreme Natural Events, Grid Transformation and Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies. The highest risks are determined to be in the area of physical security vulnerability where technologies and associated challenges continue to rapidly evolve.



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SERC also performed its [2023 SERC Reliability Assessment](#) focusing on the June-September summer period. The Assessment evaluates generation resource and transmission system adequacy for the region and individually for its subregions to meet projected summer peak demands and operating reserves. Some key observations from the report include: The SERC Region has sufficient resources to meet its anticipated demand with an adequate level of planning reserves; SERC members' projections of load for this summer is lower than actual peak values reported in recent years; SERC does not expect any transmission adequacy concerns under normal conditions, and; Extreme weather events will require planned communications and collaboration among transmission owners, balancing authorities and energy markets to facilitate any needed power transfers across the region.

SERC continues to be effective at not only conducting key analysis and assessments, but they also excel at communicating with utility regulators and have been present at regional and national events. I have enjoyed meeting, discussing and learning more about the key challenges facing the electric grid of the present and of the future.

## **MPSC Central District Complaints Report – First Six Months of 2023**

Each week, this newsletter reports the number of complaints received from consumers in the Central District regarding energy, telecommunications, water/sewer and natural gas. These weekly statistics are then compiled into a monthly report of complaints received by the Customer Complaint Specialists of the Central District per utility provider or utility type. Below is the monthly compilation of the first six months of 2023.

Utility	January	February	March	April	May	June	Totals
Entergy	86	49	98	100	115	245	693
MS Power	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Atmos	8	3	2	6	3	4	26
CenterPoint	2	0	3	2	1	1	9
Spire	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
AT&T	26	7	18	15	10	10	86
CSpire	0	0	1	1	2	3	7
Comcast	0	0	2	1	2	3	8
Other telecomms	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Rural Electric Coops	1	0	1	2	2	3	9
Rural Water Associations	6	3	8	5	5	4	31
Municipal Utilities	3	6	1	6	3	3	22
Other	1	2	2	2	1	1	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>906</b>

## **Last Week at the MPSC**

- ✉ **Tronox, LLC** filed its [Motion](#) to Withdraw its Intervention in regard to Petition by **Southern Spirit Transmission LLC** for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Southern Spirit Transmission Project.
- ✉ An Individual filed its [Request to Withdraw](#) Intervenor Status in regard to the Petition by **Southern Spirit Transmission** for a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience for the Proposed Southern Spirit Transmission Project.



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- ✎ **The Commission** issued an [Order](#) Extending Comment Period in regard to the Petition by **Southern Spirit Transmission** for a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience for the Proposed Southern Spirit Transmission Project. The deadline for comment has been extended to July 27, 2023.
- ✎ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed its net balance for the Energy Cost Recovery Rider Schedule ECR-4 and the Power Management Rider Schedule PMR-14. The net ECR/PMR Balance as of June 30, 2023 is a \$12,902,197 Under Recovery in accordance with the variance reports of Schedule [ECR-4](#) and Schedule [PMR-14](#).
- ✎ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed a [Request for Extension](#), for a period not to exceed four months, to file its annual redetermination of its Ad Valorem Tax Adjustment Rider Schedule ATA-3. The current schedule would remain in effect until an update is approved by the Commission.
- ✎ **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** file its [Petition](#) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity seeking authorization from the **Commission** for **Entergy Mississippi** to acquire, construct, expand, own, operate, and maintain a new 230/12.47 kilovolt substation and five new associated distribution circuits in the Mannsdale area in **Madison County**. According to Entergy Mississippi, significant customer growth in the Mannsdale area necessitates the construction of new facilities to enhance electric supply and system reliability. The total estimated cost of the Proposed Electrical Facilities is \$47.2 million. The project is currently planned with an in-service date of June 2025.
- ✎ **The Public Utilities Staff** Prepared the Monthly Purchase Gas Adjustment Fuel Audit Reports for the period of March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 for the following entities: [Atmos Energy](#); [CenterPoint Energy](#); [Spire Mississippi Inc.](#)
- ✎ The following entities filed their Revised Tariff Pages with a proposed effective date of July 29, 2023: **Level 3 Communications, LLC** ([Revised Tariff Pages Number 3](#)); **Level 3 Communications of Mississippi, LLC** ([Revised Tariff Pages Number 13](#)); and **TelCove Operations, LLC** ([Revised Tariff Pages Number 2](#)).
- ✎ **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** filed its [Notice of Intent](#) to Establish Initial and Temporary Rates for Wastewater Disposal Service for the Huntington Park Subdivision in **Lauderdale County**. The rate currently applicable to residential and commercial customers is \$27.00 per month. **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC** also filed its [Petition](#) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Approving the Provision of Wastewater Disposal Service in Huntington Park Subdivision in **Lauderdale County**. **The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality** has issued the [Permit](#) for the system to discharge wastewater in accordance with Mississippi and Federal regulations.
- ✎ **The Commission** issued an [Order](#) approving the Notice of Intent of **Great River Utility Operating Company, LLC** To Change Rates to Correct State-Wide Tariff **Great River Utility Operating Co., LLC**.
- ✎ **West Madison Utility District** filed its [Responses](#) to the 1<sup>st</sup> Set of Data Requests in regard to the Application of **West Madison Utility District** for a Supplemental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Operate and Maintain a Water System for a [Specified area](#) north of the City of Flora in **Madison County**.
- ✎ A property owner in Flora filed their [Motion to Intervene](#) along with Objection to the Application of **West Madison Utility District** for a Supplemental Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Operate and Maintain a Water System for a Specified area in **Madison County**.





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- ✎ **Boomerang Wireless, LLC D/B/A Entouch Wireless** filed its [Application](#) Seeking Partial Relinquishment of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier on a Wireless Basis (Low-Income Only) in a Certain Service Area Previously Served by Underlying Carrier **Verizon Wireless** and Removal of **AT&T Mobility** as an Underlying Carrier.
- ✎ **The Public Utilities Staff and Entergy Mississippi, LLC** filed their [Joint Stipulation](#) in regard to **Entergy Mississippi, LLC's** Request for Approval of EDGE Resources to Support Reliability, Fuel Diversity, and Economic Development, and for Other Relief. **Entergy Mississippi** seeks approval of three Power Purchase Agreements that will secure a total of 420 megawatts of solar photovoltaic generation from three facilities to be built and operated in the **Entergy Mississippi** service area.
- ✎ A **Grenada County** landowner filed their [Motion to Intervene](#) with Objection to Petition in regard to the Petition of **Entergy Mississippi, LLC** for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Continue to Make Improvements to and Modernize Its Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure in Grenada County.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT SNAPS



*Last Friday, we had an incredibly productive meeting with staff members of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. We delved into discussions about the challenges each agency faces and issues that directly impact our state. I'm grateful for any opportunity to collaborate with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, and I'm excited to see the positive impact we can create together working to support economic development and opportunities for customers while enhancing our natural resources.*

*This week, I was in Austin, TX for the NARUC Summer Policy Summit. In addition to hearing national thought leaders discuss issues ranging from new generation technologies to workforce development, NARUC events are also a wonderful opportunity to connect with Commissioners from around the country. Each have backgrounds as varied as the areas and customers they represent. It is an honor to get to know them and learn from their experiences in their home states.*



*Pictured with Texas  
Commissioner, Lori Cobos*



*Pictured with South Dakota  
Commissioner, Chris Nelson*



*Pictured with Delaware  
Commissioner, Kim Drexler*



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**COMMISSIONER BRENT BAILEY**  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE



*Pictured with MISO CEO,  
John Bear*



*MISO Update Meeting*



*Pictured with Texas  
Commissioner,  
Will McAdams*



*ERSC  
Meeting*



*Pictured with DOE Electricity Markets  
and Policy, Natalie Mims Frick*



*OMS Board Meeting*



Last week, our Consumer  
Complaint Specialists handled a  
total of **53** complaints in the  
Central District.

Electric Companies	47
Telecommunications	3
Water/Sewer	2
Natural Gas	1



*Pictured with North Carolina Commissioners,  
Kimberly Duffley and Karen Kemerait*